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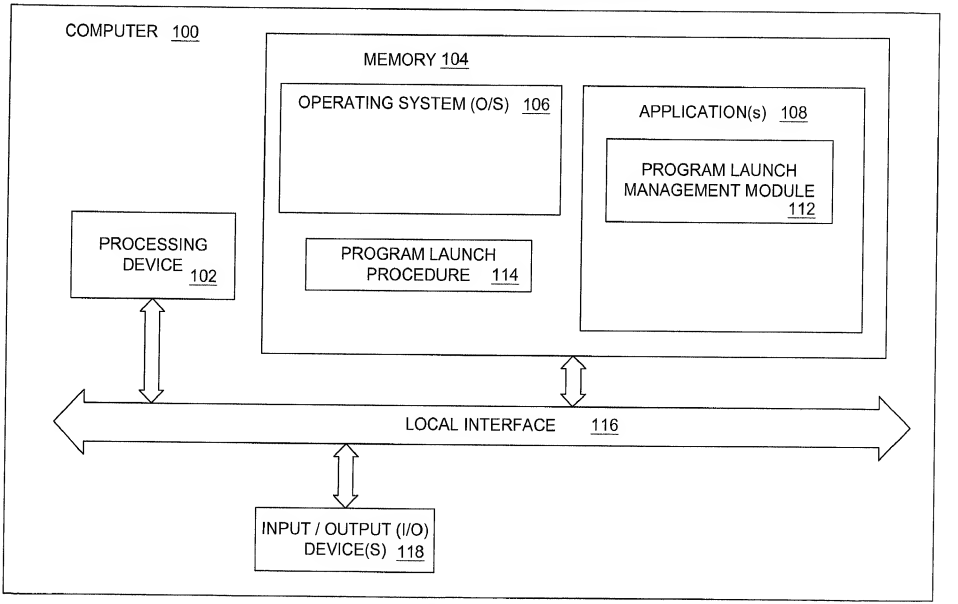

FIG. 1

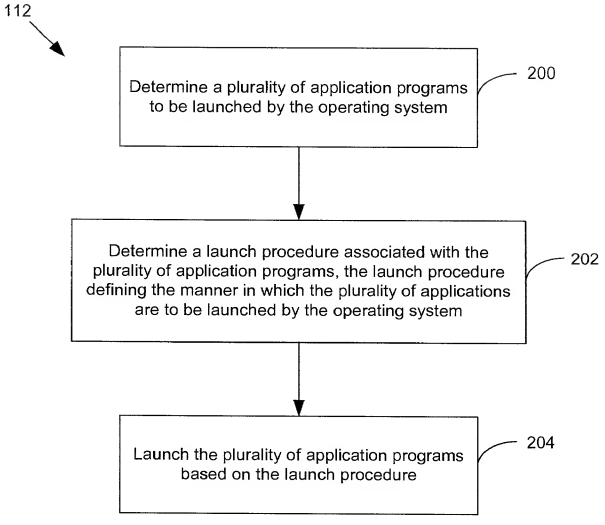
112
Determine a plurality of application programs to be launched by the operating system
200
Determine a launch procedure associated with the plurality of application programs, the launch procedure defining the manner in which the plurality of applications are to be launched by the operating system
202
Launch the plurality of application programs based on the launch procedure
204

FIG. 2

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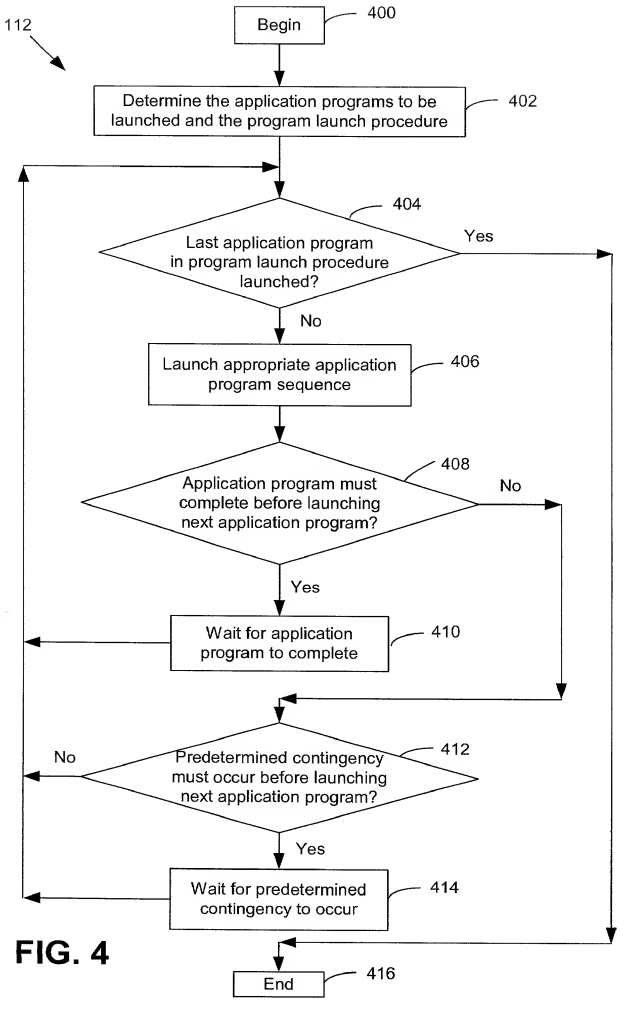
PROGRAM LAUNCH TABLE 300					
SEQUENCE INDICATOR 302	**PROGRAM NAME 304**	**PATH 306**	**O/S RESTRICTIONS 308**	**PROGRAM DEPENDENCY 310**	**ADDITIONAL PARAMETERS 312**
1	instlinks	hppinstlinks.exe	Do not launch with Windows 95 O/S	N/A	
2	Director	hppdirector.exe		Launch after 1 has completed	
3	Software Config.	hppsoftconfigpage.exe		If user requests test page print, launch after 2 has launched	

FIG. 3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Begin
400
Determine the application programs to be launched and the program launch procedure
402
Last application program in program launch procedure launched?
404
Yes
No
Launch appropriate application program sequence
406
Application program must complete before launching next application program?
408
No
Yes
Wait for application program to complete
410
Predetermined contingency must occur before launching next application program?
412
No
Yes
Wait for predetermined contingency to occur
414
End
416

FIG. 4

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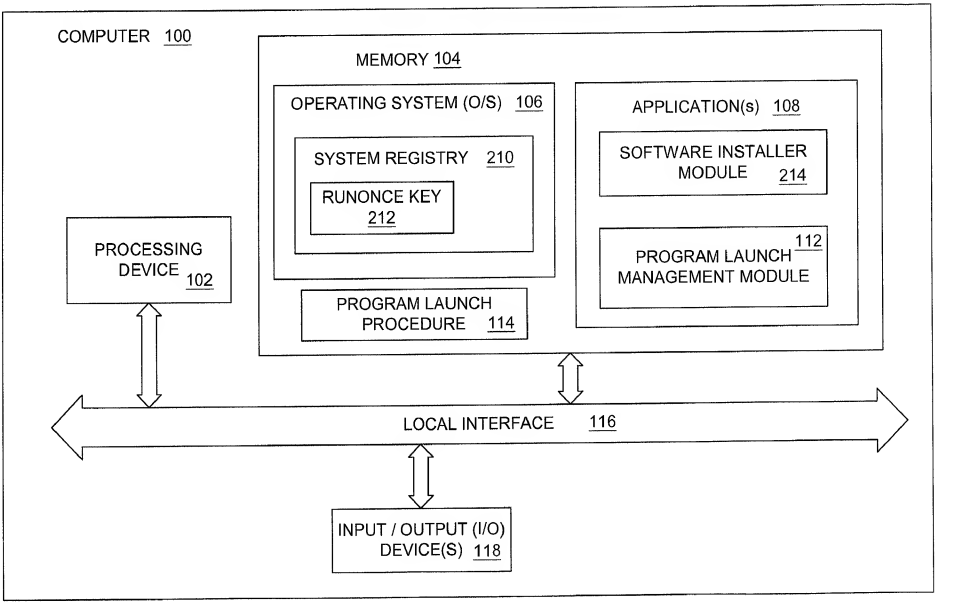

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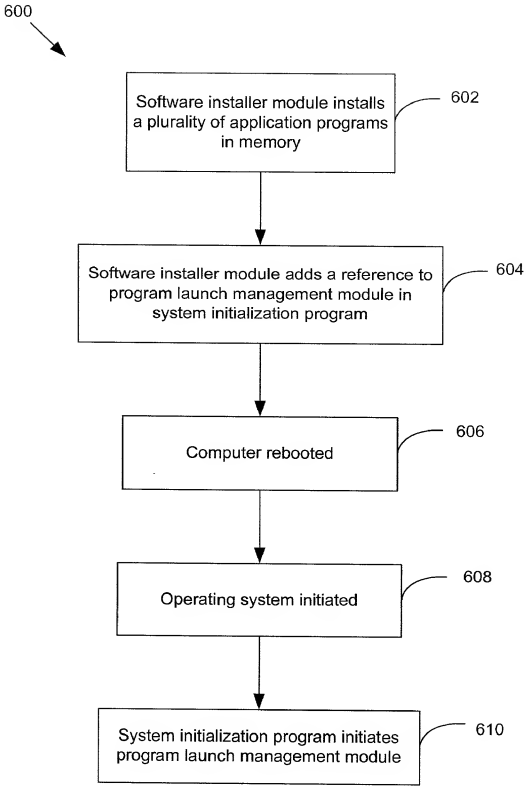
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Software installer module installs a plurality of application programs in memory
602
Software installer module adds a reference to program launch management module in system initialization program
604
Computer rebooted
606
Operating system initiated
608
System initialization program initiates program launch management module
610

FIG. 6